Oil Exploration Work by HIL in Vietnam

4510. SHRI SURESH PACH-OURI: Will the the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum of understanding lias been reached between Hydrocarbon India Limited and Petrovietnam under which India will undertake oil exploration work in Vietnam on a profit sharing basis; and

(b) if, so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and

(b) A Production Sharing Contract for exploration and exploitation of petroleum was signed between Hydrocarbons India Limited (HIL) and Petrovietnam on May 19, 1988.

According to the contract the entire exploration risk will be taken by HIL. If commercial quantities of petroleum are not discovered, HIL will have the right to terminate the contract. The exploration is to bo carried out in an offshore area covering approximately 14,203 sq. kms.

If commercial quantities of oil are discovered, it would be shared between HIL & Petrovietnam according to a sliding scale based on volumes of production. HIL would also be entitled to recover its cost The entire production and development of the discovery would be carried out by HIL. The duration of the contract is 25 years.

It is expected that during the first phase of four years, an investment of the order of US £ 21 .5 million would be required.

HIL has already started Hhe work of reprocessing the existing seismic data.

मध्य प्रदेश के उद्योग रहित जिलों के लिए औद्योगिक केन्द्र

4511. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

ठाकुर जगपाल सिंह :

क्या **उद्योग** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने राज्य के शेष बारह "उद्योग रहित" जिलों में औद्योगिक केन्द्र स्थापित करने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव केन्द्रीय सरकार को भेजा है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इन औद्योगिक विकास केन्द्रों को स्थापित करने की अनुमति कब तक दे दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय में औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. अरुणाचलम) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) विकास केन्द्रों के सम्बन्ध में जो नयी योजना हाल ही में घोषित की गयी है उसे देखते हुए सरकार ने यह निर्णय लिया है कि पुरानी योजना के अन्तर्गत किसी नए विकास केन्द्र को अनुमोदित न किया जाए।